

NYC Gallery Scene – New Shows to Know Opening Through May 14, 2017

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New shows opening this week in New York City art galleries explore a variety of themes. Artists explore nostalgia, spirituality, history carried forward and circumstantial duality in art shows opening this week in NYC through May 14, 2017. Expect to also find an exhibition that pairs art with short stories inspired by the work. This week's selections call out gallery shows in Chelsea, Midtown and Brooklyn.

CHELSEA

Morgan Lehman Gallery: “Paul Wackers: Early Settlers”

May 11 through June 17, 2017

Opening Reception: Thursday, May 11 at 6 p.m.

In his third solo show with Morgan Lehman Gallery, Paul Wackers will present “Early Settlers,” an exhibition that reflects exploration of uncharted territory. By juxtaposing mundane objects of the real world against abstractions, the artist’s works establish personal and historical narratives offering a glimpse into an intimate world of domestic routine and a lens into collective human experience and historical change. Wackers recontextualizes everyday objects from the contemporary world in an ambiguous way, suggesting instability and uncertainty, while the presence of the natural world in sprawling foliage offers access to spaces of calm through a clearing in the dark woods, according to a gallery press release.

Paul Wackers, who hails from Connecticut, obtained his BFA from Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, D.C. and his MFA in Painting from the San Francisco Art Institute. His work has been shown in Belgium, Denmark, Canada, Peru, San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York, and has been featured in Hyperallergic, New American Painting and paper Magazine. He was commissioned for a large-scale public mural at the James Hotel (New York) and won the Tournesol Award from the Headlands Center for the Arts (Sausalito, CA).

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"Untitled" by Paul Wackers, 2017. Acrylic and spray paint on canvas, 72 x 180 inches. Courtesy the artist and Morgan Lehman Gallery.